

American BAR Association

Bountiful, Utah
Jan. 28, 1942

J. Edgar Hoover
Director of FBI
Washington, D.C.
Dear Mr. Hoover:

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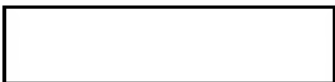
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What You Can Do To Fight Communism
The Deadly Contest
4-17-61 Internal Security Statement
LEB Introduction 4-1-61
The Communist Party Line

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. She is referring to Mr. DeLoach's speech in St. Louis on 1-26-62 at the Seminar on Communism of the American Bar Association.

February 5, 1962

Bountiful, Utah

Dear [redacted]:

I have received your letter of January 28, 1962, and appreciate the interest which prompted you to communicate with me.

In connection with the matter you mentioned, representatives of the FBI who are privileged to speak before various groups throughout the country do so with my full knowledge and approval. I can assure you that their remarks on communism do not repudiate in any way statements I have made in my speeches, or that have been reflected in my book, "Masters of Deceit." Assistant Director C. D. DeLoach in his discussion of communism dealt with this subject accurately and objectively.

The communists have tried to infiltrate every part of our society, but they have not achieved substantial success because of our internal security programs; the investigation, arrest, and prosecution of a number of Party functionaries; and the rising tide of public opposition to the Communist movement. All this has been accomplished in orderly constitutional fashion and is something of which every American should be proud. We must continue to be alert to these infiltration efforts. I wish to emphasize most strongly that communism is a grave threat to the continued existence of the United States. Because of this, it is doubly imperative that we be calm, rational, and thoroughly accurate in what we say and do in opposing communism. This is no time for rumors, unfounded suspicions, gossip and the hurling of false accusations.

In view of your concern, enclosed is some material on the menace of communism I thought you might like to read.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
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